

Department of Chemistry & Physics

PHYS 2511 GENERAL PHYSICS LABORATORY

Textbook not required, but your PHYS 2510 textbook is a good source of reference

Course Outline

This course will cover about 12 labs. Each lab consists of working on a single experiment in the lab, followed by writing a lab report. Your lab report is due at the end of each of the lab sections, which means you have to complete your lab operations and your lab report within three hours in the lab. Pencil is preferred in writing your lab report.

Course Goals

This course is intended:

1. To supplement the content of PHYS 2511.
2. To give students hands-on experience at performing experiments to investigate concepts of physics.
3. To introduce the student to techniques for making physical measurements.
4. To illustrate the use of the scientific method.

Course Objectives

The student who successfully completes this course should be able:

1. To define displacement, velocity, and acceleration.
2. To describe three methods for adding vectors.
3. To measure the acceleration of gravity using at least two different methods.
4. To state Newton's three laws of motion.
5. To explain the relation between force, mass, and acceleration as described by Newton's Second Law.
6. To define work, energy, and momentum, and describe methods for measuring these quantities.
7. To define static and kinetic friction and describe methods for measuring these quantities.
8. To define torque and rotational equilibrium.
9. To define simple harmonic motion.

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